

History Graduate Programme Newsletter

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Welcome!

To new MA students Denise McMurchie, Joy Moore, Stanley Roth, Jean MacDonald, Kevin Aldridge, Mike McDevitt, David Jones, John Gerols, Stephen MacDonald and Dorothy Williams, and to newly admitted PhD students Maryann Farkas and Jimmy Manson. Welcome to Professor Joan Sherwood, who joins the Department in European and Woman's History this year from Queens University. Welcome back to everyone else.

Annual Graduate Programme Reception

The opportunity to meet socially with fellow students and faculty is rare enough, so don't forget this year-opening event, to be held on Sunday, September 20th from 3-5 PM at the home of the Graduate Programme Director, Robert Tittler, 4078 Hampton Avenue, N.D.G. RSVP to Linda McDonald (848-2414) by Friday, September 18th.

PhD Colloquium: Minko Sotiron

The first PhD student to present a colloquium on his research following the creation of this degree requirement in 1986 will be Minko Sotiron. Minko will discuss his work-in-progress on 'The Role and Function of Newspapers in Canadian Society, 1900-1915' on Thursday, October 8th, at 4P.M. in the Norris Bldg. Seminar Room. PhD Colloquia are intended to allow PhD candidates to present their research proposals to faculty and students of the Department: all are urged to attend this important event!

Graduate Programme Administration

This year's Department Graduate Committee includes Professors Fred Bode, Mike Mason and Ron Rudin, plus four Graduate Students to be named by the Graduate History Students' Association. The Chairman is the Programme Director, Robert Tittler, who also edits the Newsletter something like every four to six weeks. Linda McDonald continues as Secretary to the Graduate Programme amongst her other duties.

Office Hours of the Graduate Programme Director are Wednesday from 2:30 -4:30 on the SGW Campus, (Norris 205) and at all other times by appointment at Loyola. Phone 848-2414 (SGW) or 848-2427 (Loy). Any and all submissions for the Newsletter should be sent to Robert Tittler or Linda McDonald.

Restructuring of the MA Programme

The sweeping restructuring of the MA programme voted in by the Department at its April Meeting will not, as of this writing, be able to be implemented until the 1989 (!) academic year. The deadline for submitting such revisions for the programme passed in mid-March, 1987. All students now in the programme will of course continue to be governed by the rules which applied at their admission.

Fellowship News

Remember that deadlines for FCAR, SSHRC and Concordia University Fellowships sneak up on us early (by the end of October for SSHRC). Watch this space for precise details, and check with the History Office if you get edgy!

News! News! News!

Students and Faculty have been ANFULLY busy since the last Newsletter in April. Though there isn't space to do all the gossip at once, here's a start (and something to look forward to...):

Students Affairs: (No! Not THAT KIND!)

Congratulations to Marc Simard, who successfully defended his PhD thesis in May. The Thesis, entitled 'La Crise des Représentations Politiques et Intellectuelles dans la France de L'entre-deux-guerres', was carried out under the direction of Prof. John Laffey. Diane Shea (PhD, Asian) delivered a paper at the recent Canadian Historical Ass'n. meeting in Hamilton ('Ideology of Peasant Rebellion in 19th Century Bengal') and Dolores Chew (PhD, Asian) delivered a paper on the same panel entitled 'Ideology of Peasant Protest in the Early Years of the Indian National Movement'. Hugh Brodie (MA, Eur.) is spending two months in the English archives this fall to complete research on his MA project dealing with economic development of Kentish towns during the early 18th century. Gabe Toth (MA, Can.) has been appointed to the History staff at St. Johnsbury Academy in Vermont, where he will also set up a Canadian Studies programme.

Dorothy Williams has just published Geographical Demographics of the Montreal Black Community (Yves Blais, Montreal, 1987), a project sponsored by the Quebec Human Rights Commission. S.S.H.R.C. has supported the publication of Minko Sotiron's (PhD, Can.) Annotated Bibliography of works on Canadian Daily Newspapers, 1914-1983 (296 pp). Copies are available from Minko at \$15.00. Minko has also won the Glendenning Scholarship to carry out research in the archives of the University of Manitoba. Janis Housez (MA, Eur.) has been awarded an F.C.A.R. fellowship to complete her MA this year in English History, and Mike McDevitt (MA, U.S.) has started out on the right foot by

winning a Concordia University MA Fellowship. Christiane Teasdale (M.A. U.S.) has won a Concordia University PhD Fellowship, but has decided to take a leave of absence from the programme after being appointed an editor at Boreal Press in Montreal. Congratulations to new Teaching Assistants Diane Shea, Dolores Chew, Maryann Farkas, Marie Schell and Jimmy Manson!

News of Graduates:

Best wishes to Micheline Lessard, who moves from the Concordia MA to the Cornell PhD programme this year, with the aid of an FCAR doctoral fellowship. Best wishes, too, to Concordia BA graduates Jennifer Jones and Rob Dutton, who were married in Toronto on May 9th. Jennifer, who took her MA with us in 1983, is far along on her PhD in 17th Century English History at York University, having spent much of last year in the British archives. Patricia Smith's 1981 original essay on the Brewing Industry in Tudor England has established a solid reputation amongst scholars in the field: it has been cited in three recent publications and requested twice on interlibrary loan from Concordia (a process facilitated by the new practice of placing bound MA History Original Essays in the Library).

Faculty Comings and Goings:

Associate Professor Kathryn Bindon, known to all as Katy, has left the University to take up a post as Academic Vice-President at Mt. St. Vincent University. We wish her well. Prof. Joan Sherwood, long a member of the History Department at Queens University, has joined us for this year to teach Women's History and European History. Dr. Sherwood's office will be on the Sir George Campus; and we wish her a good year. Stephen Scheinberg returns from his year's exchange at San Diego State University while his exchange partner Ross Dunn returns to SDSU after a year at Concordia. John Laffey will be on leave this year. John Hill and Karen Ray remain in India, where John serves as the Director of the Indo-Canadian Shastri Foundation.

Mike Mason spent much of the summer doing research in Britain, Greece and Turkey for his project on British Interventionism after WWII. Fred Krantz attended a National Endowment of Humanities Research Seminar in Florence. Robert Tittler carried out a month's research in England, with work in Essex, Kent, Hereford, Yorkshire and London.

Moving Up, Sideways and Within:

Congratulations to Professor Fred Bode, Donald Ginter and Bill Hubbard on their promotions to the rank of Full Professor, and to Rich Diubaldo for his appointment to the directorship of Off-Campus Education along with his duties as Director of the Mature Student Centre. Martin Singer has been appointed director of Concordia's Council for International Cooperation. Charles Bertrand continues as Dean of Arts and Sciences; Franziska

Shlosser as Vice-Dean for Student Affairs. Graham Carr has become Director of Canadian Studies while retaining his post as Assistant Professor of History.

Awards and Travel:

Ron Rudin continued his research on caisses populaires with the help of an SSHRC grant. Lionel Rothkrug has won an SSHRC grant for his research on 'Religious Practices and Cultural Differentiation in Medieval and Early Modern Europe'. Robert Tittler has won a two-year SSHRC grant for his project 'Architecture and Power: the Town Hall and the English Urban Community, 1500-1640'. Carolyn Fick, our Post-Doctoral Fellow, won an SSHRC grant to assist her socio-historical study of the Island of St. Barthelemy.

Recent faculty publications and presentations (TOO numerous to list here) will be noted in the next Newsletter.